Two minor points also require notice: that the dates in terms of the revolutionary calendar have been modern* ized; and that the names and titles of individuals mentioned have been used with no attempt at uniformity; — thus Ney may be referred to under that name long after he had become Duke of Elchingen, and Prince of the Moskowa. In an appendix the Napoleonic titles are tabulated, so that the reader can always refer back if necessary.

In conclusion, what truth this book conveys is not to be sought according to those rules for the treatment of historical documents which it avowedly contravenes, but in such psychological illumination of a great career and character as the method employed has rendered possible. For objectively Napoleon rarely, if ever, speaks the truth; yet subjectively how can he speak otherwise ?

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